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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is an Amendment and Response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of October 22, 2010, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire January 22, 2011.

Applicants request entry of this Amendment and Response because applicants have cancelled a part of an independent claim and have presented rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

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